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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - February 1964

I. GENERAL

Stepped-up terrorist activities against Americans in Saigon were highlighted by the bombing at the softball field on 9 February and at the movie theater on 16 February. Improved security measures and the passage of two weekends without serious incident have reassured the American community in some measure, even though further acts of terrorism are expected.

The Viet Cong themselves may not want any dramatic incidents to occur in Saigon for a while. The commotion aroused by the recent bombings has had the favorable effect of reinvigorating a police service sadly demoralized by successive coups and resultant dismissals. This consequence may not have been foreseen by the Viet Cong, and it can scarcely be one they desire.

Although dependents are returning early in a number of instances, no one in FBIS is contemplating a request for such action at this point. [] appears to be acceding to most requests for advance return of dependents, and to be granting separate maintenance allowances as well. Gloom and foreboding over the progress of the war in the countryside are probably serving as more of a spur to departure than the terrorism itself.

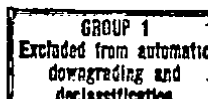
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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

A total of 168 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

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B. Communications

Appeals to STARCOM officers led to round-the-clock remedial action, and by the end of the month the communications difficulties caused by the relocation of STARCOM Saigon seemed to be fairly well cleared up. Traffic, incoming and outgoing, was moving freely, with few outages, and those of brief duration.

III. ADMINISTRATION**Buildings and Grounds**

Our new offices are working out very well. The increased and improved space has made it feasible to set up a separate office for the Bureau Chief, a proper repair shop, a coffee-making machine, and other amenities formerly unknown here. The Bureau Chief's office still lacks privacy, but the Embassy has promised to correct this deficiency soon by moving a door opening and installing partitions.

An Embassy crew has completed painting the outside of the duplex house where reside.

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Chief, Saigon Bureau

Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report
4. Plan of Bureau Offices

SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 MARCH 1964

Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	fair	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao	0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"	0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French	0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao	0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French	2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Radio of the Neutralist Party

Lao	0500-0630	daily	daily	poor	2
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Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)	0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"	1130-1200	"	not Su	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French	0000-0100	daily	daily	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai	0100-0130	daily	not Su	good	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French			0500-0600	daily	daily	poor	2
"	"		2300-0000	"	"	poor	2

Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0630-0700	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	fair	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" ThF	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" ThF	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	"	" ThF	poor	2

Vietnam (North)

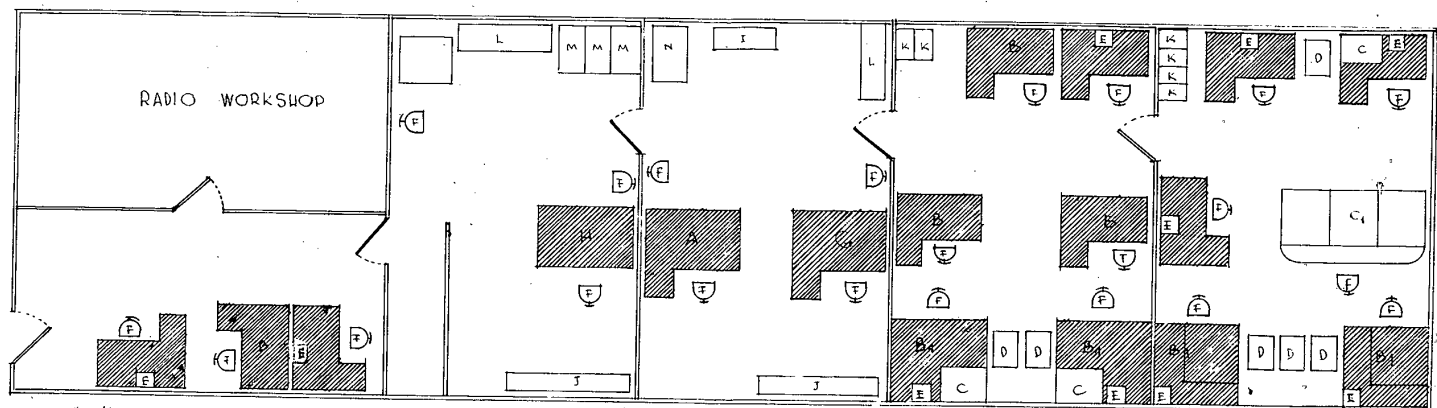
Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	ds	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0445-0515	"	"	fair	1
"	(D) " VNA	ds	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	" Su	good	2
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	" Su	good	2
"	"	s viet.	1400-1430	not Sa	" SS	fair	2
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"	"	s viet.	1130-1200	MF	MF	fair	2
French	"	is	0415-0430	daily	ThF	fair	2
English	"	is	0430-0445	"	not ThF	fair	2
"	"	is	1000-1030	"	F	poor	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY	twice-daily (Sunday, one)	bulletins covered by scrutiny
English	Saigon	is 1300-1320 daily daily good 3
"	"	is 2330-2345 " " good 2
Vietnamese	"	ds 0430-0445 " " good 1
"	"	ds 0900-0915 " " good 1
"	"	ds 2300-2305 " " good 1

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PROPOSED LAYOUT PLAN For Expanded Bureau Office Space April 1964



Key

A = Editor's desk
B = Translators' desks
B1 = Monitoring positions
C = Receivers
C1 = Console with 4 receivers
D = Recorders

E = Transcribers
F = Chairs
G = Propaganda Analyst desk
H = Bureau Chief's desk
I = Dictionary stand
J = Reference books

K = Belt storage
L = Office supplies
M = Bar Lock Files
N = Safe

Scale:
1/2 inch = 1 foot